Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph identified below with the following amended paragraph:

Page, 3 the paragraph beginning with the words "A method and apparatus…":

A method and apparatus has been described in a patent application titled: "Method and Apparatus for Fast WCDMA Acquisition", with serial number: 09/345,283, now U.S. Patent No. 6,363,060, commonly assigned to the assignee of the present application, and incorporated by reference herein. ~~The 09/345,283~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,363,060 application provides a description for a method and apparatus for synchronization of a mobile station with a cell. Based on the synchronization data, the mobile station is able to determine a data frame time offset referenced to the mobile station uplink data frame timing. The uplink signal according to the standard is transmitted within a fixed time offset after reception of a downlink signal from a cell. The uplink signal time offset may be fixed to 1024 chips. The mobile station, after determining the observed time difference, transmits the information to the cell via a message commonly known as an SFN-SFN message. The 3G TS 25.331 v3.2.0 (2000-03) document, section 10.3.7.90, provides the description and the requirements for the observed time difference message. The observed time difference information is included in a cell measurement results message 10.3.7.3. The mobile station may periodically report to the cell. The mobile station measures and reports the time difference in a unit of a chip time.

Page 5, the paragraph beginning with the words "In one embodiment…":

In one embodiment of the invention, when the mobile station 101 is performing soft combining at the data symbol level, the data symbols extracted from each downlink signal may be identified in terms of location in the data frame for an effective soft combining operation with another data symbol in the same location of another data frame. Each data symbol may be between 4 and 512 chips in duration. The data frame time offset is in increments of 256 chips. Data symbols transmitted via the downlink signals then need to be identified at the mobile

station for the soft combing operation. Data frame time offset 122 is set by cell 102 and data frame time offset 124 is set by cell 103, depending on the measurements reported by the mobile station. The data symbols S1X received via downlink signal 111 need to be combined with data symbols S2X received via downlink signal [~~111~~]112. if mobile station 101 is not aware of the data symbol boundaries, data symbols of different downlink signals may not correspondingly be combined. Since the cells attempt to adjust the transmit timing of the data channel so that signals from different cells arrive at the mobile station at roughly the same time, one thing the mobile may do is combine symbols that are "closest" together in time. However, the possibility of propagation time relationships changing between the time of measurement report and the start of the soft combining operation leaves ambiguities for the mobile station for soft combining operation.